



CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN JANUARY 23, 2008

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Turrentine called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:04 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair

Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Kelly McDonnell, 3rd District Youth Victor Perez, Health

Helen Ingram, *Education*Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services

Absent: Excused – Roselin Michael, 8th District Youth

VACANT, 1st District Youth
VACANT, 6th District Youth
VACANT, 9th District Youth
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VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Recreation Superintendent, Ted Stevens, for Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General

Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of

Parks, Recreation and Marine

Marla Camerino, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and

Marine

Guests: Jeff Williams

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the November 28, 2007, Commission on Youth and Children minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICITION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no public comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Ms. Nixon-Joiner was not available to speak; however, Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the monthly report was distributed in the packet that was mailed. In addition, updated materials were provided for each commissioner that should be inserted into the Commission Guidebook binders.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that she attended the Mayor's State of the City Address and stated that the Mayor detailed what was accomplished in 2007. He also spent some time focusing on visions of the future.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she attended a Tree Lighting and Movies in the Park event at Heartwell Park in December. In addition, Co-Chair Martin stated that on February 4, the 2nd Annual State of the 5th District will be held.

VI. <u>REPORTS</u>

A. Standing Committees

1. <u>Executive Committee</u> Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

Commissioner Turrentine stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss January's agenda. In addition, they also discussed the current vacancies of the CYC.

2. <u>Public Relations Committee</u> - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

The Public Relations Committee did not meet.

B. Special Committees

 Long Beach Youth Fund Committee - Commissioners Ingram, Martin, McAlpin, and Summerville

The Long Beach Youth Fund Committee did not meet.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. <u>District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings</u>

Commissioner McDonnell stated that the Third and Fourth District Youth Councils met to discuss ideas for a collaborative community project. They are interested in planting trees, but are not sure how to go about doing it.

Commissioner Martin stated that the Fifth District Youth Council met to discuss conducting a tree inventory of all the trees in the parks. Commissioner Martin stated that training would take place for Youth Council members, school groups, and/or community residents wishing to participate. The training will focus on tree identification and whether or not they are healthy. A map that will list all of the trees located in the district will be prepared and will list the number of trees that are found to be unhealthy. Based on this information, a determination will be made if there will be enough trees in the future.

2. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force - Commissioner Rothenberg

Commissioner Rothenberg reported on the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force meeting.

Co-Chair Turrentine commented on a City Council agenda item regarding a gang prevention program and stated that it would be nice to have a representative from the Commission be a part of the development process.

- The CYC discussed various programs that are currently available (e.g. Safe Passage Program).
- The CYC discussed possibly asking a representative from the Long Beach Unified School District, the Long Beach Police Department, and/or the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force to speak to the CYC regarding what is being done to protect youth in areas that are most prone to gang violence during the hours that youth are leaving school and walking home.
- Commissioner Rothenberg will look into gathering any written data that is available for the CYC to review.

3. <u>Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee</u> - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer stated that he met with Jim Grey, who provided him with useful tips in fundraising and stated that fundraising is a tough task. He has a list of people who he will be meeting with and will give it his best shot.

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D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

There were no comments.

VII. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Youth Commissioners

Recommended Action: Approve youth commissioners to attend the City Council meeting to speak on behalf of the Commission on Youth and Children.

Co-Chair Martin read a statement to the Commission that she prepared and asked for input from the commissioners.

The commissioners made comments and provided suggestions, which Co-Chair Martin will take into consideration and will bring a revised statement for the commissioners to approve at the next CYC meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 6:11 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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